

# The Intelligencer.

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The British lion might have known that Congressman "Richelieu" Robinson would be heard from in behalf of Sheridan the Wanted. "Richelieu's" voice is ever loaded to the muzzle with dynamite.

The English Home Secretary employs three "fighting editors" to see that he isn't suddenly transported by the Phoenix Park road. Royalty reflects its cares on the heads that bask in the sunlight of its favor.

Some of the locked-out potters of East Liverpool have gone and more are going to Canada. The industry has not reached great proportions in Canada, but Canada in these days has a tariff for protection, and the potters know it.

By now we can know how good or bad a thing the conference committee has agreed upon we shall have to know more definitely what the measure contains. The slight changes spoken of in classification may make radical changes in the operation of the law.

The pirates of New York keep up a regular traffic in smuggling goods. Whenever a Treasury agent goes for one of them he brings him down, but the smuggler generally "comes down" at the right time, and the edge of the agent's resolution is blunted with the evil root. Protection grates on the smuggler's refined feelings.

To his Excellency the Governor, and their sub-Excellencies the Auditor and Treasurer. When you find that the new assessment and the five cent increase in the tax levy would go around far more to meet the other end, what are you going to do about it—issue more of those "State securities"?

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## OUT OF BONDAGE.

### THE CONFERENCE TARIFF BILL

Reported to the House After a Long Session of the Committee—The Senate Bill Adopted Without Important Changes Except in Regard to Steel—General Washington News Notes.

From Our Special Correspondent.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—With thirty-six hours only left of the 47th Congress, and two appropriations bills yet unacted on by the Senate, and several Conference Committees still out at three o'clock to-night, the Senate undertook to consider and pass upon the Conference report on the Tariff bill, which is really a new bill of 114 pages. Neither Sherman, McKimley nor Carlisle signed the report. The two former because the wool interest was being sacrificed to gratify the New England manufacturers who were being taken care of by Morrill and Aldrich, while Carlisle would not sign it because there were increases over the Senate bill in the leading articles. There are some who think the bill will get to the President, but it is difficult to see on what this belief is based. There are at least eight Republicans who will not vote for it unless they change their minds. It is not certain that any Democrats will vote for it, though ex-Senator Barnum, who is a tariff man, and who is here watching it, says he knows of six Democrats who will vote for it. Mr. Morrill's speech was brief, lasting half an hour. Mr. Beck has now been speaking over an hour, attacking and criticizing the bill. His audience is very slim, indicating that he is talking for the outside and not for the chamber. The House will adjourn by midnight. It has no intention of staying to await the action of the Senate, or in any event, taking it up before to-morrow.

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## WEST VIRGINIA FORESTS.

### The Varieties Found in the State—The Worth of the Wood.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Census Office bulletin upon the forests of West Virginia, by Special Agent C. S. Sargent, is printed to-day. From this it appears that the forest of West Virginia, with the exceptions of the belts of pine and spruce, confined to the higher ridges of the Allegheny mountains, are principally composed of broad-leaved trees, the most important of which are the white and chestnut oaks, the black walnut, the yellow poplar, and the cherry. The forests have been largely removed from the counties bordering on the Ohio river, and the most valuable timber along the principal streams, especially the black walnut, cherry and yellow poplar, has been culled in nearly every part of the State. The black walnut, found scattered everywhere in West Virginia is found in the most fertile soil, and is the most abundant of the hardwoods, and most abundant along the upper waters of the rivers flowing into the Ohio through the southern part of the State. Yellow poplar is found throughout the State and is still abundant throughout the headwaters of nearly all the principal streams. Large bodies of cherry are found in Greenbrier, Nicholas, Webster and other counties immediately west of the mountains. A large amount of hemlock is scattered throughout the valleys and ravines of the North-western part of the State, and along the western slopes of the Alleghenies. The area still occupied by white pine is estimated to extend over 310 square miles, and to contain about 60,000,000 of merchantable lumber. The principal centers of the lumber manufacture are along the Kanawha River, at Roncoverte, Greenbrier county, at Parkersburg, and along the Upper Potomac. The lumber product of the State for the census year was 80,112,000 feet of lumber, 12,071,000 laths, 3,695,000 shingles, 41,092,000 staves, and 1,052,000 sets of headings, valued at \$2,431,857.

### GENERAL SHERMAN'S AUTOGRAPH.

#### He Writes Quoted Dissertation on a Trite Saying, in a Collector's Book.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—General Sherman has written the following letter to an autograph collector, who asked him to write a few lines upon the sentiment, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1883.

Dear Mr. Beck:—Your letter of the 4th is received. I prefer not to make scraps of sentimental writing. When I write anything I want it to be real, and connected in form, as for instance in your quotation from Lord Lytton's play of "Richelieu." "The pen is mightier than the sword," the sword would never have put his signature to so naked a sentiment. Surely I will not. In the text was the prefix of qualification:

"Renounce the rule of men entirely great, and the sword is mightier than the pen, each in its proper sphere. You and I have seen the day when a great good man ruled this country (Lincoln), who wielded a powerful and prolific pen, and yet had to call to his assistance a million of fighting soldiers. Not content with the pen, he ordered the artillery to fire directly at the sword, which you ask me to write, because it is not true. Rather, in the Providence of God, there is a time for all things, a time when the sword is mightier than the pen, and I would not see the principles of right and justice bound up in the meshes of hatred, revenge and tyranny, that the pen of mighty men like Clay, Webster, Crittenden and Lincoln were unable to disentangle."

Wishing you all success in your efforts, I am, with respect, Yours truly, W. F. SHERMAN.

### SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS.

#### Storms on the Coast—Police Prevent a Duel.

New York, March 2.—Panama correspondence under date of February 20 is as follows: Heavy weather on the Pacific coast has delayed a number of vessels. Many have been delayed in delivering their cargoes. The schooner Wm. R. Knighton, of New York, was totally wrecked and two lighters and a steam launch driven ashore. The German frigate Olga with Prince Kmetich on board is to visit Aspinwall.

The United States frigate Tennessee, Admiral G. H. Cooper, arrived at Aspinwall on the 18th inst. The Reform of Bogota, says that the police recently prevented a duel between Senor Garcia Meron, the Argentine Minister, and Senor Vega, the Secretary of the Chilean Ministry of Colonies. The subject of the duel is still being held in Central America. Press is undivided on the subject. Rich copper mines have been discovered near Tarapaca. Valparaiso is the center of the great rejoicing has taken place there and at Santiago at the resumption of friendly relations with Spain. The rumor concerning a difficulty with France on account of the guano is unfounded. A change of ministry is spoken of.

### MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

#### A Justice Shot While in Bed—Suspicion Pointing Toward His Wife.

DR. RUTTER, N. Y., March 2.—George W. Haight is a Justice of the Peace and one of the most prominent residents of Dr. Rutter. At about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning his housekeeper was awakened by the report of a pistol. Hastening down to the floor in his night clothes and unconscious of Mrs. Haight was in bed. The housekeeper called a doctor, and when she arrived Haight had crawled into bed. His pillow was saturated with blood, and there was a wound about the size of a pistol shot. He was wrapped in a piece of cotton cloth, which was burned by the explosion, was found under his pillow. The wound was probed and the ball was found to have entered the brain, where it lodged. Haight recovered sufficiently to make a deposition, in which he declared that he did not fire the shot and did not know who did. He said that the weapon had been kept in a stand drawer at the foot of the bed. Mrs. Haight said she did not hear the shot at all, and knows nothing about it. She has \$30,000 insurance on Haight's life. He is her third husband. Her two former husbands are said to have died suddenly.

### A Big Hunt.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 2.—While John F. Brown, treasurer of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, was in the office of the president of that corporation, a sneak thief entered the private apartment of the treasurer's office and stole \$70,000 of consolidated five per cent bonds of the People's Passenger Railway Company. The Treasurer had just taken the bonds from a tin box and laid the tin box on the counter while he stepped into the President's room. When he returned the bonds were gone and the directors, sitting in the President's room, informed him that they saw a strange man pass out from behind the railing.

## CAMERON'S CRUSADE

### AGAINST THE OYSTER PIRATES.

The Bivalve War Opened—Sharp Shrimplining in the Chesapeake Bay—One Craft Captured. Lively Times Anticipated Before the Piratical Business Is Broken Up.

NORFOLK, VA., March 2.—These dispatches have related before the movements of Governor Cameron and his forces on the oyster pirates. Yesterday two steamers quietly left their wharves at twelve midnight and steamed down Hampton Roads. A conference of the officers of both vessels was held on the Pamlico at 1 A. M., at which it was arranged that the Victoria Reed should remain off Guynes Island, near the mouth of the Rappahannock, where a large fleet of pirates are constantly dredging. The Pamlico was to run up to the mouth of the Potomac during the night, then return and, both steamers acting in concert, capture the dredgers at Guynes Island. The run on the Pamlico was pleasantly made until Mobjack Bay was reached, where the wind and the tide coming in opposite directions made a heavy swell and excessively rough sea. The steamer rolled fearfully and brought on an epidemic of seasickness among the men. Several were pitched out of their berths, and a stove was turned over, creating intense excitement, as close by the burning stove were two boxes of ammunition. Some blankets and the floor caught fire and for a few moments there was imminent danger of an explosion. Captain Gilmer, of the Norfolk Artillery Blues, was, however, equal to the emergency. He kept the soldiers quiet and being out of their berths, he distributed the ammunition and threw the stove overboard. The fire was then extinguished without doing any serious damage. About 7 A. M. the lookout sighted a fleet of dredgers off Smith's Point, a Northumberland county shore, close to the Potomac river. To avoid suspicion the Pamlico kept to the regular channel up the bay until she came abreast of the fleet, which consisted of seven large vessels, all of them dredging oysters, and the smaller boats, which were being towed by the larger vessels. The steamers then bore down on the fleet, which movement, being instantly observed by the pirates, they started and scattering sailed in every direction.

### AN ENGAGEMENT.

Then began the liveliest cannonading that has occurred in these waters since the memorable encounter between the Merrimack and Monitor in the beginning of the war. A solid shot was first fired across the bow of the foremost vessel, which was making for the dividing line between the Virginia and Maryland waters, about two miles distant. This had no effect except to further increase the efforts of the pirates to escape. They crowded on all sail, and as there was a spanking breeze made good headway. The larger portion of the fleet scudded down the bay in the direction from which the Pamlico had come. Three vessels made north for life, liberty and Maryland waters.

To these the Pamlico gave chase; another shot across their bows failed to have any effect, but the Monitor immediately ordered the artillery to fire directly at the pirates with a view to sink, disable or capture them. Shot after shot was sent from the two pieces of artillery after the flying dredgers, but, however great the danger to the pirates, they were not killed, the dredgers kept on their course.

### SMALL ARMS BOUT TO PLAY.

The steamer was now within rifle shot, and Governor Cameron ordered the Norfolk City Guards to fire on the vessels. An irregular rifle fusillade was thereafter kept up as long as the vessels were within the boundary line of Virginia. At this juncture it was discovered that one of the dredgers was aground on Smith's Point bar, and firing on her then ceased, but a few more cannon shot were sent into the other vessels, which were then ordered to neutral waters. It must be said that the dredgers exhibited the most indomitable pluck. They were in imminent danger of being killed and sunk, but such was the appreciation of the consequences from which the Pamlico had come. Three vessels made north for life, liberty and Maryland waters.

### THE ONLY CAPTURE.

A boat with two soldiers and a crew was sent to board the prize. She was found to be the Palo Alto, a large puny, nearly loaded with oysters, hailing from Chesterfield, Maryland. Six men—one white and five negroes—were captured, all of whom professed the utmost ignorance as to the names of the boats in the dredging fleet, or the vessel or the captain and mate of their own vessel, who had escaped. The Palo Alto was probably led to the arrest and capture of a number of the dredgers who were caught in the act off Smith Point. The steamer Victor Reed grounded in the early morning, and after getting off crushed against Guynes Island, and reported no dredgers in sight. This was the place where they were expected to be found in force, but they had got wind from Norfolk of the approach of the expedition, and had judiciously disappeared.

Governor Cameron started in pursuit of the four dredgers who escaped from Smith's Point this morning; they are supposed to have gone to Accomac county, on the east side of the bay, where they are reported to be working. The Palo Alto was shot down on a bar near the mouth of the Potomac, where he had just captured, with whom he had just captured, with whom he had just captured.

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## A BOON IN TRIPLES.

### Four Sets Born in Philadelphia During the Last Month.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—Within the month of February just passed there were born in Philadelphia four sets of triples, which is certainly a record which any city may be proud of. The list is as follows: Thursday, February 8, Mrs. Charles Quin, the wife of a laborer at the Midville Steel Works, gave birth to two daughters and a son; on Monday, February 12, Mrs. William Pedrick, the wife of a laborer employed at the machinery works, Race street, about Fifth, gave birth to three boys; on Sunday, February 25, Mrs. Jefferey Bryan, wife of a shovel polisher at Rowland's Shovel works, Frankford, gave birth to three boys. The fourth and last case of this boom in the triplet business occurred on Monday last, the mother being Mrs. Kate Welsh, a boarder at the Lehman House, Thirty-ninth and Market streets, and about 40 years of age and remarkably well-built. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Welsh left her home to go to a hospital to be treated for a sore limb. On her way there she called upon a friend, Mrs. Margaret Dinn, who resides on the south side of Market street, below Forty-ninth street. While there Mrs. Welsh grew suddenly ill. After a while she rallied somewhat, and attempted to go home. She became so weak upon reaching her home that she was unable to yield to the invitation of Mrs. Dinn to remain with that lady all night. Mrs. Welsh failed to acquaint her hostess with the cause of her sickness, and the latter thought it was due to the fact that her guest was suffering from a cold.

About 5 o'clock in the morning a fine, healthy-looking little boy was born. Fifteen minutes later another boy was born, and half an hour subsequent Mrs. Welsh gave birth to a still-born female infant.

The mother is still at the house of Mrs. Dinn, and is improving rapidly. The two are doing well.

### SIX POISONED PEOPLE.

#### A Family Keenly Dangerously Ill After Eating Stew for Breakfast.

READING, March 2.—A case of poisoning was discovered to-day in the family of William K. Lessig. The man, his wife and four children were affected and for the time administration of proper emetics was at least would have died. As it was father and one of the children are still in great danger. Mr. Lessig has charge of the teams of the Reading Hardware Company. He took breakfast early and left the house. A half hour later he was seized with griping pains and vomiting. The family was hurriedly taken home, and when he arrived it was discovered that Mrs. Lessig and the children, Sallie, William, Moses and Levi were terribly ill also.

Dr. Herbst was called, and with the aid of a large quantity of saline and other medicines, carefully concealed in the sleeves and pockets of coats, in the legs of trousers and folded under the bosoms of shirts. The goods found are roughly estimated to be worth about \$500. "I never saw goods so cleverly concealed," said Captain Adams. "I really must compliment you, sir." "Thank you," replied the polite and imperturbable passenger. "I have had plenty of experience. I have seen a great many of these things. Mr. Forbidge is an importer and dealer in woollens and tailors' trimmings in this city."

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The next discovery made by the officers was a gentleman who was as nervous as Mr. Forbidge was cool, was exceedingly anxious to get away. He had four very large trunks, a valise, a handbag, and three other packages. They were all marked "M. R. Forbidge, owner of valuable and durable articles, carefully concealed in the sleeves and pockets of coats, in the legs of trousers and folded under the bosoms of shirts. The goods found are roughly estimated to be worth about \$500. "I never saw goods so cleverly concealed," said Captain Adams. "I really must compliment you, sir." "Thank you," replied the polite and imperturbable passenger. "I have had plenty of experience. I have seen a great many of these things. Mr. Forbidge is an importer and dealer in woollens and tailors' trimmings in this city."

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Meantime it had been discovered that two of the three passengers who had left the pier before Captain Adams' arrival were also smugglers. One was Mr. M. Rock, a merchant tailor of Fifth avenue, the other was Mr. J. Carnahan, of Oceanic, the other, a fashionable "Philadelphia." This gentleman had taken the 10 o'clock train for the Quaker City. In pursuance of a telegram from Captain Adams, Special Officer W. R. Bates was just in time to surprise the day before at his home, engaged in unloading his trunks of his cargo. The Philadelphia's loot was said to be worth probably \$2,000.

### WHERE HE CAN PRAY IN SAFETY.

READING, March 2.—Richard Richards, the man who has been an object of fear to many railroad engineers of Eastern Pennsylvania, was taken to the Harrisburg Insane Asylum to-day by order of his friends. Throughout the winter, Richards imagined that he had been commanded by God to waste into running streams and kneel down in the water and pray. He was frequently seized during the coldest days of winter to wade into the shallow Schuylkill, when it was not frozen, and kneel down with his hands uplifted and go through the form of prayer. Then he commenced to practice kneeling down on railroad tracks, where he would engage in religious devotions. Engineers were terror-stricken when speeding around curves to suddenly see Richards directly in front of them, kneeling on the track in prayer. Several times he narrowly escaped death.

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## CAUGHT IN THE TOILS.

### COULDN'T RUN THE GAUNTLET.

Extensive Capture of Smuggled Clothing and Fashioning Goods—Spring Styles in the Seizure Room—Agent Adams' High Find Among the Baggage of Four Fashionable Tailors.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The seizure room at the Custom House yesterday looked like a fashionable tailor's shop, with a dressing department attached. The dingy crypt under the rotunda where Uncle Sam's grabbags are stored was brightened by a lavish display of fine silks and laces, the costliest cloths and gentlemen's suits, showy trimmings and linings, all handkerchiefs, stockings and underwear, jewelry and many other costly articles of use and ornament. Probably the greatest capture of smuggled goods of this character which has been made in the history of the Treasury Agent C. C. Adams, and as stated yesterday, the official reported many congratulations for his success in breaking up a very lucrative and long continued scheme of smuggling by which certain fashionable tailors profited and the Government was defrauded.

### THE CLEW.

The manner of the capture was as follows:—Last Sunday afternoon Captain Adams received information that among the passengers coming on the Alaska were three tailors, by name Forsdike, Rock and Carnahan, who were bringing over a valuable lot of supplies for their shops with the intention of smuggling them. Early Monday morning, accompanied by Special Officers Brown and Harrigan, Captain Adams went to the Custom House pier and found that the Alaska's passengers were already coming ashore, and that two of the tailors, whose trunks had been passed by the Custom House inspectors, had taken their baggage and departed. The names of the men for whom the officers were looking were on the steamer's passenger list.

Mr. D. Forsdike was still on the pier. He was just about to step into a carriage and drive away with his trunks, but he was very polite and affable when asked to remain a moment. "Did you carefully examine this gentleman's trunks?" asked Captain Adams of a customs inspector. "I did, sir, and they are all right. There is nothing dutiable," was the inspector's reply. "Forsdike my dear sir, I would think that you are young," said Captain Adams to the passenger. "I must make a re-examination."

When the trunks were again opened the Captain made an amazing discovery. He found a large quantity of valuable and durable articles, carefully concealed in the sleeves and pockets of coats, in the legs of trousers and folded under the bosoms of shirts. The goods found are roughly estimated to be worth about \$500.

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Meantime it had been discovered that two of the three passengers who had left the pier before Captain Adams' arrival were also smugglers. One was Mr. M. Rock, a merchant tailor of Fifth avenue, the other was Mr. J. Carnahan, of Oceanic, the other, a fashionable "Philadelphia." This gentleman had taken the 10 o'clock train for the Quaker City. In pursuance of a telegram from Captain Adams, Special Officer W. R. Bates was just in time to surprise the day before at his home, engaged in unloading his trunks of his cargo. The Philadelphia's loot was said to be worth probably \$2,000.

WHERE HE CAN PRAY IN SAFETY.  
READING, March 2.—Richard Richards, the man who has been an object of fear to many railroad engineers of Eastern Pennsylvania, was taken to the Harrisburg Insane Asylum to-day by order of his friends. Throughout the winter, Richards imagined that he had been commanded by God to waste into running streams and kneel down in the water and pray. He was frequently seized during the coldest days of winter to wade into the shallow Schuylkill, when it was not frozen, and kneel down with his hands uplifted and go through the form of prayer. Then he commenced to practice kneeling down on railroad tracks, where he would engage in religious devotions. Engineers were terror-stricken when speeding around curves to suddenly see Richards directly in front of them, kneeling on the track in prayer. Several times he narrowly escaped death.

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

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## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

### At Monongahela City, Pennsylvania—A Severe Loss to the Town.

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